

THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Observer* Proclaims *Danger* to the *Church*.
2. He *Ridicules* the *Resolve* against saying the *Church* is in *Danger*.
3. The *Review* (to the same End) has *Reviv'd* his *Shortest Way*. And *Justifies* it, *Every Word*.
4. As likewise his *New Test of the Church of England's Loyalty*. Wherein he *Arraigns* the *Revolution*, and makes it as *Black* as the 30th of *January*, 1648. With his *Wet* and *Dry Martyrdom*.

SATURDAY, January 5. 1702.

(1.) *Country-Man*. YOU told me in your Last, *Master*, who they are that keep up the *Notion of Danger* to the *Church*, even her *Enemies*, who cannot leave off *Persecuting* her, *Threatning*, and *Reviling* her. Yet the *Observer* of last Dec. 15. Vol. 4. N. 74. Proposes a *Law* to be Made, Making it *High Treason* for any One to say the *Church* is in *Danger*.

Rehearsal. And that is just after he had call'd her a *SOMETHING* next a *Kin* to *NOTHING*. And bids all her *Vermin*, as he calls the *High-Church-Men*, to *Leave* her, as *Rats* do a *Falling House* which wou'd *Hang* him, by his own *Law*. For is not this saying the *Church* is in *Danger*? But is it not *Suggesting* and *Insinuating*, or *Going about* to *Insinuate*? And whoever do this, are *Declard Enemies* to the *Church*, the *Queen*, and the *Nation*.

Country-m. No. *Master*. It is not *Going about*— For it is *Direct PROCLAIMING Danger*. As I shou'd think it, if any bid me *Quit* my *House*, like a *Rat*, because it was *Falling*.

(2.) But, *Master*, the very next words to those of making it *High-Treason* to say the *Church* is in *Danger*, are these, I never knew *ENGLISH Men* so *Cross* in *Opinion* as at *Present*; they never *Consider* things as to the *Effect*: In *King CHARLES* 2d time we had an *Act* pass'd Making it *HIGH-TREASON* to say that the *KING* or *Duke of YORK* were *PAPISTS*; Tho' at the same time we knew one to be a *PAPIST*, and *Mistrusted* the other. Is not this, *Master*, a downright *Arraigning* the *Queen* and both *Houses of Parliament*, for their *Declaring*

the *Church* not to be in *Danger*, and making those *Enemies* who say she is in *Danger*? He *Accuses* them for not *Considering* things as to the *Effect*. And *Inferres*, That their *Declaration* concerning the *No-Danger* to the *Church*, is of no more *Effect* than that *Act* in *K. Charles's* time, *Contrary* to what, *We Knew*, says he.

Rehears. The *D—* ow'd him a *Shame*, and has now paid him. He makes him write against himself! A meer *Martin Mar-all*, who *Spoils* all his own *Plots*! And *Loses* the *Jest* in *Repeating* it! *Bays* had got a *Good Simile*, but knew not how to *Apply* it! But he *Writes* on without *Fear*. And *Assumes* a *Privilege* to say what he *Pleases*! For by his *Escape* at his late *Trial*, he thinks himself (like a *Cleanser* in the *Plague*) to be now *Law-Proof*; having already try'd the *Strength* of his *Party*, against full *Evidence*, and the *Verdict* of a *Jury*. I'm sure if I had said half so much of the *Danger* of the *Church*, I shou'd think my self in *Danger*. But you see what it is to be on the *Right* side of the *Hedge*!

(3.) *Country-m*. Since the *Vote* against the *Danger* of the *Church*, they have *Redoubl'd* their *Batteries* against her.

Rehears. They have indeed lay'd their *Blows* on *Thick*. They have *Rally'd* their *Scatter'd Troops*, and brought to *Light* again, what was almost *Forgotten*, their *Old VENEMOUS Invektives* against the *Church*. They *Watch* their *Time*! The *Review* of last Dec. 20. Num. 124. p. 494. *Commends* and *Re-Commends* his *Notorious Shortest Way*, and says, That it is, *Every word True* and *Just*. For this he was *Advanc'd*, but not *According* to his *Merit*! It was not *The Shortest*

Shortest Way! Which many have met with, who did not so well *Deserve* it. For the *Design* of that *Piece* was only to Represent the Church of England as a Company of Cut-Throats and Blood-Suckers. And to shew the Dissenters, That they must be all Destroy'd if they did not Begin first, and Destroy these their Enemies. And to shew how much he is *Mended* by the Reward he has Receiv'd, he *Persists* in it still, and *Re-Afferts* it, saying it is, Every word True and Just.

(4.) And in his Review next before that, of Dec. 18. Num. 123. p. 489. He Plays upon the Church that other Notable Performance of his call'd *A new Test of the Church of England's Loyalty*, the most Bitter and Spitefull Invektive against the Church of England that has come out since the Revolution. But here, like his Brother the Observer, he is Caught in his own Snare. For the Load he there lays upon the Church, is on Account of the Revolution. And to Asperse her, he Blackens that in the most Scandalous Manner. He Compares 41 and 88. And makes the Latter as Bad as the Former, in all its Consequences, even the 30th of January 48. But you had best take it in his own words, that I may not wrong him. He is Answering an Objection, which he puts thus, That these People (the Dissenters) must be Dangerous to the Church, because they Inherit the old Principles of those who once Pull'd down the Church. To which he Answers in these words, If he means they are of the same Principles, in taking up Arms, &c. I refer them to a little Treatise, this Political Author wou'd do well to Answer, when his Leisure and Understanding will permit, Entitled, *A NEW TEST OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S LOYALTY*; where the Ballance between 41 and 88 will appear to Run against him, and the Difference between the DRY MARTYRDOM of King JAMES, by his Passive-Obedience Church Subjects; And the WET MARTYRDOM of King CHARLES 1st by People that never made any such Pretence, will appear so small, that it is not worth Dr. D—'s while to meddle with it.

Country-m. What! Is the Fellow Mad? He's Caught with a Witness! For this is a Downright Arraignment of the Revolution! He makes King James's ABDICATION to be a Martyrdom, and tho' a Dry one, to be as Bad or as Good as the Wet Martyrdom of his Father! Can this be Endur'd! Is not the Wet Martyrdom (as he in Ridicule calls it) and the Horrible Sin of it, as lying upon the whole Nation, once every Year, in a most Solemn Manner Deprecated, and that by Law, and to be forever Observ'd, because of its Heinousness, and the UN-EXAMPL'D Wickedness of it that the Horror and Detestation of it might be strongly Impress'd upon all our Poste-

rities, and never to be Forgotten! And do's not the Queen her self, and all our Bishops, Observe this Yearly, and most Religiously, with Fasting and Prayer, and Deep Humiliation before GOD! And do's not the Royal Proclamation which was Commanded to be Read in all Churches the Sunday before, and was Accordingly Read in our Churches in London on Sunday the 28th of January last, do's not that Proclamation Repeat the Laws which Condemn those Wicked Principles that brought on the Difmal Tragedy of the Martyrdom of K. Charles 1st. Particularly those Laws Declaring, That by the Undoubted and Fundamental Laws of this Kingdom, neither the Peers of the Realm, nor the Commons, nor both together in Parliament, nor the People Collectively or Representatively, nor any other Persons whatsoever, Ever had, hath, or ought to have any Coercive Power over the Persons of the Kings of this Realm: And calls those who set up the Deposing Doctrine contrary to these Laws, Fanatick Miscreants, who were as far from being true Protestants, as they were from being true Subjects? And shall we now be told by a vile Varlet come Reeking from the Calves-Head-Club, or Kit-Kat, That this whole Scene of Observing the 30th of January (which they call the Madding-day,) is all Farce and Grimace, and a Mocking of God; for that We are Guilty of a Dry-Martyrdom as Criminal as the Other that was Wet! They will Turn the Revolution upon the foot of the Deposing Doctrine, that they may make it Parallel to 48. Whereas they Cannot but know (And you, Master, have told it them, over and over again) That the Convention at the Beginning of this Revolution, did Avoid Coming upon the Deposing Point; and that not by Chance, but Studiously, and with Great Pains; It was the Subject of Long and Earnest DEBATES; till at last they found out the Vacancy of the Throne and Abdication, and Built upon these. Yet these Men Fly in the Face of the Settlement, on Purpose to have a Handle to Bespatter the Church of England, and to Thrust their Goats into her Sides, as they now do 4 times a Week! And their Poyson Dispers'd all over England! Then they cry (Insistently) There's no Danger to the Church! When Her Dishonour and Threatn'd Ruine lies Expos'd upon every Coffee-Table through the Kingdom! Which we Hope will be Redress'd, when the Queen knows it. For the Church is so far from Apprehending any Danger from the Queen, that it is very visible, the Security and Preservation of the Church from these her Implacable Enemies, lies Chiefly, next under God, in her Majesty's known Affection and Zeal for her Mother the Church of England; Which therefore Offers Daily Prayers for her Majesty's long Life, and Preservation from the Enemies of the Church, and of her Majesty.